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To Whom It may Concern:

Since I have been in my home I have added additional insulation, installed a 15 Seer Air Conditioner, installed programmable thermostats and set them to 78 for the summer. SCE&G informs their customers on how to reduce your electric bills but yet they continually request rate increases which does nothing but offset all the additional things I have done to reduce my bill.

Why they can continually request increases during a time when jobs are being lost and unemployment is high, gasoline prices are increasing which we have no control over befuddles me.

I am retired and on a fixed income, therefore I am against this requested rate increase. Why can't SCE&G "tighten their belt" as consumers have had to do? I have followed their recommendations to reduce my electric costs but see it going out the window with their rate increases.

Sincerely,



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